

Speaker: Mr Peter Eceru

Mr President,

The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and Uganda's human rights civil society coalition would like to commend the Government of Uganda for its very constructive engagement with the Universal Periodic Review mechanism.

LWF reiterates its support and desire to collaborate with the Government of Uganda to ensure swift implementation of recommendations that are pending adoption today, to improve the human rights situation in the country. LWF look forward to closely working with the Government of Uganda in, not least, to improve access to justice; enhance the rights of the child; strengthen the right to education; increase the rights of persons and children with disabilities; accelerate women rights and rights to health, in particular to refugees host communities and traumatized communities recovering from violent conflict in Northern Uganda.

LWF and its partners will continue to leverage their respective clouts and provide platforms for key government and non-governmental stakeholders to come together and collectively devise strategies to amicably and tangibly address these issues.

Mr President, in order to carry out these moral duties and obligations to ensure that the UPR mechanism makes a difference on the ground, we call upon, first the Government of Uganda to continue working closely with all national stakeholders in the implementation and monitoring of the UPR recommendations, and secondly, the international community to provide necessary support and resources for the Government of Uganda in its endeavour to realize human rights for its citizens.

I thank you Mr President.